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SUBJ: DIALOGUE WITH EC PRESIDENCY--JANUARY 19-20 POLITICAL

DIRECTORS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG--NAMIBIA

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1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PIERRE WURTH, WHO IS CHAIRING SUBJECT
MEETING, MFA OFFICIAL ALEX JULIAN GAVE ME POLITICAL DIRECTORS
POSITION ON NAMIBIA. JULIAN SAID POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW URGENTLY IF SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA
IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 26 AS STATED REFTEL, OR EARLIER.

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FRG POLITICAL DIRECTOR IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION DEBATE WILL BEGIN

TODAY OR TOMORROW. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM DATE BY
IMMEDIATE CABLE.

2. POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED THAT NINE SHOULD MAKE A DEMARCHE
TO GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS
ON NAMIBIA AND ADOPT A COMMON EC POSITION FOR THE
SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE. IN DEMARCHE THEY WILL URGE
SOUTH AFRICA TO ABANDON ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF
NAMIBIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; TO PERMIT ALL INHABITANTS
OF NAMIBIA TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINA-
TION AND INDEPENDENCE; TO PERMIT THE NAMIBIANS TO
FREELY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE POLITICAL AND CON-
STITUTIONAL FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY, AND TO DECIDE
THEIR FUTURE THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS OF UNIVERSAL
SUFFERAGE UNDER UN SUPERVISION; TO PERMIT ALL POLITICAL
GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES;
TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND TO PERMIT POLITICAL
EXILES TO RETURN. DEMARCHE WILL ALSO underscore
NINE'S DISSATISFACTION WITH WINDHOEK CONSTITUTIONAL
CONFERENCE BECAUSE REPRESENTATION WAS BASED ON ETHNIC
GROUPS RATHER THAN POLITICAL FORCES WITHIN THE
TERRITORY.

3. SOUTH AFRICA WILL ALSO BE INFORMED THAT EC INTENDS
TO TAKE COMMON POSITION AT UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE.
FRENCH, BRITISH OR ITALIAN DELEGATE WILL SPEAK FOR THE
NINE AT UN.

4. POLITICAL DIRECTORS DID NOT DECIDE ON A COMMON
POSITION ON ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, BUT NOTED U.S. VIEWS
ON THIS ISSUE PER REFTEL.

5. JULIAN SAID SOME OF THE EXACT WORDING IS STILL
UNDER DEBATE AND ASKS THAT USG REGARD ABOVE INFORMATION
AS PRIVILEGED UNTIL NINE HAS MADE ITS DEMARCHE.

6. COMMENT: JULIAN SAID POSSIBILITY OF UN
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS OR ARMS
EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA NOT DEBATED IN ANY DEPTH
BUT THAT HIS IMPRESSION IS THAT STRONG MAJORITY OF
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NINE WOULD OPPOSE BOTH SANCTIONS AND EMBARGO. HE
ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT AT THIS POINT ALL NINE HAVE
AGREED UPON ITS COMMON POSITION AT UN ON POLITICAL
ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM ALONG LINES STATED ABOVE. HE
SIAD NONE WOULD WAIT TO SEE TEXT OF RESOLUTION BEFORE
TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY COULD REACH A COMMON
POSITION ON ALL ITS ASPECTS. HE SAID, IN FACT, THERE
ARE DIVISIONS AMONG THE NINE ON HOW BEST TO APPLY

PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA, AND IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO
DEVELOP A CONSENSUS AND, THEREFORE, A COMMON POSITION
ON ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. PHILLIPS

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